

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – March 6th, 2011

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- For today's update, I believe the Holy Spirit has directed me to talk about the escalating turmoil in the Middle-East as it relates to Libya.
- It's important we understand the implication as believers lest we acquiesce to the prevailing disconnect that's found in the church today.
- Sadly, because of this disconnect, many Christians today are not connecting the dots of Bible prophecy, with events in the Middle-East.

- This is one of the main reasons we do these weekly prophecy updates. These dots need to be connected, because they are connected.
- Now, let me hasten to say, what I always say, which is; "we all need to be like the Bereans and search the scriptures to see if it's true."
- With that in mind, we'll look at two articles from this last week, both of which may be the beginning of the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

On Tuesday, March 1st, **FRONTPAGEMAG.COM** posted this article titled; **"Return of the (Genocidal) Native"** referring to the Muslim Brotherhood cleric, Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, who essentially hijacked the stage at Tahrir Square for what was to be the Friday Day of Victory commemorating Egypt's revolution, turning it into an Islamic sermon preached to an estimated one million Egyptians. A passage from this sermon was translated from Arabic to English in which he said; *"A message to our brothers in Palestine: I harbor the hope that just like Allah allowed me to witness the triumph of Egypt, He will allow me to witness the conquest of the Al-Aqsa Mosque.... Oh Allah, allow us to preach in the Al-Aqsa Mosque. [Crowds: Amen.] Allow us to enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque safely. [Crowds: Amen] Allow us to enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque without fear. [Crowds: Amen] Accomplish this complete victory for us. [Crowds: Amen] Oh, the sons of Palestine, rest assured that you will be victorious."*

<http://frontpagemag.com/2011/02/28/return-of-the-genocidal-native>

On Wednesday, March 2nd, **The Jerusalem Post** posted this article about Sheikh Yusuf Qaradawi titled; **"A portrait of Muslim Brotherhood's supreme authority"** - "Regarding the recent events in Libya, al-Qaradawi called on Muammar Gaddafi to relinquish power and to learn the lessons of Egypt and Tunisia. He said that a revolt against Gaddafi was an Islamic religious duty, and called on the members of the tribes in Libya to rise up against Gaddafi and join the ranks of the demonstrators. He called on the Libyan army "to behave like their brothers in Egypt, to stand alongside the people to restore to Libya its Arab Islamic character." He said that those who had died during the violent events in Libya were shaheeds in paradise and supported the jihad fighters rising up against the Libyan regime."

<http://www.jpost.com/MiddleEast/Article.aspx?id=210424>

- In light of these two articles, let's now connect the dots with scripture, and to do that, I need for you to turn in your Bibles to Daniel 11.
- You may wish to mark this passage in your Bible, because the Lord may present you the opportunity to show it to someone this week.

**Daniel 11:41-43 NKJV** (41) He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. (42) He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. (43) He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians *shall follow* at his heels.

**Ezekiel 38:5 NKJV** Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet;

- Here's what I'm thinking; "everything we see happening in Egypt and Libya, may create the perfect prophetic storm for the Anti-Christ.
- If all this is preparing the way for the Anti-Christ to come on the scene, and the church has to be raptured first, then how close are we?
- I would suggest to you that even if the rapture isn't for many more years, what we see happening now, should create an urgency in us.

"For my part, brethren and sisters, I desire to feel a spirit of urgency within my soul as I plead with God for the dew of his grace to descend upon this church."

Charles Spurgeon

**1 John 3:2-3 NIV** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (3) Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.